

**Centre for International Studies in Citizenship, Democratic Participation and Civil Society
(CIPACI)**

Preliminary programme for international conference on

“Citizenship, Democratic Participation and Civil Society in Global Perspective”

Roskilde University, building 25.1

Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 May 2009

The first day of the conference will be dedicated to a series of public lectures by distinguished scholars from Latin America, Asia and Africa with comments from discussants based at civil society studies centres in Europe.

The second day of the conference will be a closed session of deliberations among the invited academics from Europe and the South, aiming to define what constitute urgent agendas within the field of citizenship, democratic participation and civil society studies, and patterns of future institutional collaboration.

Programme for the open day of the conference on Tuesday 12 May 2009:

9:00: Arrival, registration and coffee

9:30: Opening address on the scope and objectives of the conference by **Thomas P. Boje**, Roskilde University

10:00: Lecture by **Leonardo Avritzer**, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brasil: “Civil society in Brazil: from social autonomy to political interdependency”. Discussant: Thomas Tufte, Roskilde University.

11:00: Coffee break

11:30: Lecture by **Ajay Gudavarthi**, Jawaharhal Nehru University, New Delhi, India: “Human Rights Movements in India: State, Civil Society and Beyond”. Discussant: Jude Howell, London School of Economics.

12:30: Lunch break

13:30: Lecture by **Baruti Bahati Amisi**, Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: “Civil Society, Eco-Socio-Political Discontent, and Identity in South Africa”. Discussant: Preben Kaarsholm, Roskilde University.

14:30: Coffee break

15:00: Lecture by **Enrique Peruzzotti**, Torcuato Di Tella University, Buenos Aires, Argentina: “Democratic Representation as Mediated Politics: Rethinking the Links between Participation and Representation”. Discussant: Carlo Ruzza, University of Leicester.

16:00: Concluding plenary

Bio-data of lecturers:

Leonardo Avritzer is associate professor of Political Science at the Federal University of Minas Gerais. He coordinates a research center on participatory democracy called Prodep which studies experiences of participatory budgeting and policy councils in Brazil. Leonardo Avritzer is the author of many books, among them, *Democracy and the Public Space in Latin America*, Princeton University Press, *Reforma Política no Brasil* and *Corrupção: ensaios e críticas*. His new book *Participatory Institutions in Democratic Brazil*, Johns Hopkins University Press, will come out in 2009.

Ajay Gudavarthi is assistant professor at the Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.. He taught earlier at the National Law School, Bangalore, where he was the coordinator of the National Institute of Human Rights and a member of the editorial team for the *Journal of the*

Human Rights Commission, vol- 2, 2004. He has published extensively on themes related to civil society, human rights, globalisation, and Dalit and left-wing movements in India. He has presented papers at various international seminars, including at Queens University, Belfast; CODESRIA, Dakar; CLACSO, San Jose, Costa Rica; University of Florence, Florence; Global Cooperation Centre, South Korea, London School of Economics, London. He was a Charles Wallace visiting fellow at SOAS, London University, in 2008. He is currently working on a book tentatively titled “Beyond Civil Society: Thinking with Political Movements in India”. He is also part of an ongoing research project on “Inequality and Affirmative Action in South Asia: Current Experiences and Future Agendas in India and Nepal”, funded by the British Academy.

Baruti Bahati Amisi has a degree in technical engineering and agronomics from the Institut Supérieur d’Enseignement Agricole at Bengamisa, Democratic Republic of Congo, 1988, and completed his MA in Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, in 2004. He is currently a PhD candidate in Development Studies at UKZN, and a research fellow with the Centre for Civil Society, also at UKZN. He is the co-founder and coordinator of the KwaZulu-Natal Refugee Council, initiated in 2004. His research interests include: civil society and development; the informal economy and globalisation; socio-environmental justice and human rights; community-based organisations and social movements.

Enrique Peruzzotti is associate professor at the Department of Political Science and International studies at Torcuato Di Tella University, in Buenos Aires. He has authored numerous articles and book chapters on civil society and democratization in Latin America and has co-edited four books, *Enforcing the Rule of Law: Social Accountability in Latin America* (2006, in English), *Participatory Innovations and Representative Democracy in Latin America* (forthcoming, in English), “The Return of the People. Populism and New Democracies in Latin America” (2008, in Spanish) and *Keeping Politicians in Check: Citizens and Methods in New Latin American Democracies* (2002, in Spanish). He is currently a Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington DC.

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